DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on May 21, 2008, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner. Cancellation of claims 10-15, 17, and 21-25 has been entered. Claims 1-9, 16, and 18-20 are pending in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9, 16, and 18-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim I, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim I, specifically for the limitation of wherein no part of the cooling means is located inside a cavity formed by the reflector in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 2-5, 7-8, and 18-20, claims 2-5, 7-8, and 18-20 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 1 because of their dependency status from claim 1.

Regarding claim 6, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 6, specifically for the limitation of a first sensor arranged adjacent at least one of the nozzles to sense the velocity and/or the pressure and/or the flow-rate of a flow of gas passing through the nozzle in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claim 9, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 9, specifically for the limitation of 9a second Application/Control Number: 10/520,804

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sensor is provided to sense the operating position of the discharge lamp and to control the velocity of the flow of gas passing through at least one of the nozzles as a function of the operating position in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claim 16, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 16, specifically for the limitation of at least one first sensor for measuring a cooling effect of the nozzles; and at least one second sensor for detecting an operation position of the lamp in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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